



# COLLIER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS MELISSA R. BLAZIER

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

### 2024 Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline: July 22

Early Voting: August 10-17

Election Day: August 20

### 2024 General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: October 7

Early Voting: October 21-November 2

Election Day: November 5

Early voting dates subject to change.



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## SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE *One Down, Two More to Go!*

And just like that, we are done with the Presidential Preference Primary!

I want to thank everyone who helped our office complete yet another successful election. From our office staff to the hundreds of amazing election workers, we cannot run excellent elections without you! I truly appreciate your dedication, not only to our office, but to the thousands of Collier County voters that came out to vote.

To say this election was eventful is an understatement. Due to how close the City of Naples Mayoral and City Council race were, the Canvassing Board ordered a machine recount of both races, as required by Florida law. Following the results of the machine recount, the Canvassing Board called for a manual recount of undervotes and overvotes for the City Council race due to the margins between two candidates being less than a quarter of one percent. All Canvassing Board meetings and the recounts were open to the public and, as expected, the entire process went seamlessly. I hope that everyone who attended and kept up with the election was able to learn a bit more about election administration in our county, especially when it comes to incredibly close races like the one we saw earlier this month.

There are still two more elections to look forward to - the Primary Election on August 20 and the General Election on November 5. Don't forget, the Collier County Supervisor of Elections office is THE trusted source for election and voting information. I invite you to follow our social media pages, subscribe to our monthly newsletter, and opt-in to receive election updates via text message with TextMyGov. To opt-in, text **COLLIERVOTES** to **91896**.

Keep reading to see what our office has been up to in this month's edition of News and Views!



It was an honor for Supervisor Blazier to meet Lt. Col. Allen West during the American Constitutional Rights Union dinner this month.



During the City of Naples recount, staff pulled over 4,800 under and overvoted ballots to conduct a manual recount of the City of Naples City Council Race.

## OUT & ABOUT

### Sunshine State Young Reader Awards

Spring is here and that means the Sunshine State Young Reader Awards (SSYRA) are back!

Every year our office works with Collier County Public Schools to conduct elections for their annual SSYRA program. SSYRA is a statewide reading motivational program for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. This program encourages students to read independently for pleasure and to improve their reading fluency.

After students read a selection of books, they can then vote for their favorite title using our voting equipment. The election results are then compiled across the state and announced by the Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME). Our goal for this program is to introduce the voting process to young students, demonstrate how our voting equipment is used during elections, and to connect students' experiences with us to the lessons they learn in their classes.



# TRANSPARENCY TOURS

The Supervisor of Elections office is happy to invite local organizations and members of the public to participate in our Transparency Tours!

During these tours, visitors have the opportunity to meet staff, get a behind-the-scenes look at our operations center, view equipment demonstrations, and learn more about our voting equipment and the security measures we have in place to ensure the integrity of our elections.

Our goal for these tours is to offer a setting where participants can learn about how elections are conducted in Collier County and build confidence in the electoral process.

If you are interested in taking a tour with our staff, visit our website: [www.Collievotes.gov/TOUR](http://www.Collievotes.gov/TOUR) or call us at (239) 252-VOTE (8683).

## THANK YOU, ELECTION WORKERS!

We would not be able to conduct excellent elections without the help of our incredible election workers! From temporary workers, early voting and Election Day workers, and those participating in the Adopt-a-Precinct program, thank you for your time and dedication to our voters and the elections process.

Are you interested in working at the polls during the upcoming elections? Our office is currently seeking civic-minded individuals to work at the polls or work temporarily in our office during each election. Interested individuals should go to [www.CollierVotes.gov/HELP](http://www.CollierVotes.gov/HELP) where they can learn more about the positions available and fill out an application.



## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

The Presidential Preference Primary may have just wrapped up, but we are already preparing for the Primary and General Elections.

Here are two things you can do to get ready for the upcoming elections:

- 1.) Keep Your Voter Information Updated:** A lot can happen in between elections. Voters can move addresses, change their name, or may want to change their party affiliation, especially before a primary election. It is so important that our office has the most up-to-date information, even if you move down the street from your old address, there could be a change in what contests you will see on your ballot.
- 2.) Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot:** Voters can submit their Vote-by-Mail ballot requests for the upcoming Primary and General Elections online or by calling our office. When you make your ballot request, keep in mind we want to ensure that we are sending it to the correct address, especially if voters have travel plans during the elections. If you plan to be in another state or out of the country during the next election, please contact our office to notify us where we should send your ballot. The USPS cannot forward ballots by law.

To check your voter registration status or request your Vote-by-Mail ballot, visit [www.CollierVotes.gov](http://www.CollierVotes.gov) or call us at (239) 252-VOTE (8683).

## SPOTLIGHT

### MYTH BUSTER

**MYTH** If I move, my voter registration moves with me.

**BUSTED** If you move within Collier County or move to a different county within the state, your address is not automatically updated. You must update your address with our office or with your local Supervisor of Elections office.

Get more Myth Busters - follow us on social media!

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Judy Irons joined our Elections Team back in December as our Voter Services Coordinator, and she has been working hard in our Voter Services Department helping voters get ready for the elections!

Judy has lived in the Sunshine State for 18 years and is originally from Spanish Town, Jamaica! She received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Flagler College. In her free time, Judy loves to discover and watch new TV shows with her family and throwing fun themed parties with her friends!

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